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I

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolutions 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and 42/211 of 21 December 1987, and 45/248 B, part VI of 21 December 1990,

Recalling its resolution 55/233 of 23 December 2000,

Recalling also its resolutions 54/249 of 23 December 1999 and 55/234 of 23 December 2000,

Recalling the relevant paragraphs of resolutions 52/12 A and 52/12 B of 12 November and 19 December 1997, respectively, as well as resolutions 52/235 of 26 June 1998, 53/220 A of 7 April 1999, 53/220 B of 8 June 1999 and 54/15 of 29 October 1999, relating to the Development Account,

Recalling also paragraph 2 (a) of its resolution 1798 (XVII) of 11 December 1962,

Reaffirming the respective mandates of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Committee for Programme and Coordination in the consideration of the proposed programme budget,

Reaffirming also the requirement of all Member States to fulfil their financial obligations as set out in the Charter of the United Nations on time, in full and without conditions,

Having considered the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003[1] and the reports of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[2] and the Committee for Programme and Coordination[3] thereon,

Recognizing the detrimental effect of the withholding of assessed contributions on the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations,

Recognizing further that late payments of assessed contributions adversely affect the financial situation of the Organization,

Stressing that the established procedures for the formulation, implementation and approval of the programme budget must be maintained and strictly followed,

1. *Reaffirms* that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters;

2. *Reaffirms also* rule 153 of its rules of procedure;

3. *Reaffirms further* the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation[4] and the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations;

4. *Recalls* section III, paragraph 13, of resolution 52/222 and requests the Secretary-General to present, in a consolidated form, the long overdue and delayed revisions to the Financial Rules and Regulations of the United Nations approved by the General Assembly;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take steps to ensure proper compliance with all regulations and rules of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation, as well as the relevant resolutions that establish the budgetary procedures, as part of the preparation of the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005, reporting thereon to the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its forty-second session;

6. *Decides* that no changes to the budget methodology, to established budgetary procedures and practices or to the financial regulations may be implemented without prior review and approval by the General Assembly, in accordance with established budgetary procedures;

7. *Reaffirms* the role of the General Assembly in carrying out a thorough analysis and approval of posts and financial resources, as well as of human resources policies, with a view to ensuring full implementation of all mandated programmes and activities and the implementation of policies in this regard;

8. *Welcomes* the timely submission of the proposed programme budget and the continued efforts made by the Secretary-General to improve the format of the proposed programme budget;

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[1] The proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 is contained in documents A/56/6 (Introduction), A/56/6 (sects. 1-3), A/56/6 (Income sects. 1-3) and A/56/6/Corr.1.

[2] Ibid., *Supplement No. 7* (A/56/7); and A/56/7/Add.xx and xx.

[3] Ibid., *Supplement No. 16* (A/56/16).

[4] ST/SGB/2000/8.

9. *Notes with satisfaction* the clarity of the presentation of the programme budget, including through the provision of organizational charts, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that, in the presentation of such charts in the future, complete information on proposals for additional posts, conversions and reclassifications is reflected;

10. *Decides* that the staffing table for each year of the biennium 2002-2003 shall be as contained in annex II to the present resolution;

11. *Notes with concern* the late submission on section 11B, International Trade Centre (UNCTAD/WTO);

12. *Commends* the efforts and initiatives of the Secretary-General aimed at reforming the United Nations;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that, in the implementation of approved reform proposals, there should be no adverse impact on the fulfilment of legislative mandates;

14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to review the format currently used for presentation of estimates, gross and net, of staff assessment, with a view to enhancing comparability with other organizations of the United Nations system and to report on options in this regard to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session;

15. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in preparing the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005, to ensure full compliance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 55/231 and with the relevant approved recommendations made by the Committee for Programme and Coordination in paragraphs 35 to 40 of its report,[3] as well as those of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions in paragraphs 10 to 18 of its report,[2] bearing in mind the intergovernmental, multilateral and international character of the United Nations;

16. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make proposals for the incorporation of a medium-term plan chapter to cover the activities of section 1 of the budget in the proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, to be considered by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its forty-second session;

17. *Reiterates* that indicators of achievement should be used, where appropriate, to measure the performance of the Secretariat and not of the Member States;

18. *Emphasizes* that resources proposed by the Secretary-General should be commensurate with all mandated programmes and activities in order to ensure their full, efficient and effective implementation;

19. *Renews its appeal* to Member States to demonstrate their commitment to the United Nations by, inter alia, meeting their financial obligations on time, in full and without conditions, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations;

II

20. *Reaffirms* that the medium-term plan, as approved by the General Assembly, shall continue to constitute the principal policy directive of the United Nations;

21. *Reiterates* that the priorities for the biennium 2002-2003 are the following:

(a) Maintenance of international peace and security;

(b) Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development, in accordance with relevant General Assembly resolutions and recent United Nations conferences;

(c) Development of Africa;

(d) Promotion of human rights;

(e) Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts;

(f) Promotion of justice and international law;

(g) Disarmament;

(h) Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations;

22. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the programme narrative of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 contained in the report of the Committee on the work of its forty-first session, subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

23. *Emphasizes* that programmes and activities mandated by the General Assembly must be respected and implemented fully in the most effective and efficient manner;

24. *Reaffirms* that changes in mandated programmes and activities are the prerogative of the General Assembly;

25. *Notes with concern* that some of the proposed budget sections are not consistent with the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, and requests the Secretary-General to prepare the next biennial proposed programme budget, in full conformity with the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, as adopted by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/234, in particular with regard to the expected accomplishments and indicators of achievement, taking into account mandates specific to the biennium;

26. *Reiterates* that the allocation of resources should reflect fully the priorities established in the medium-term plan, and notes the importance of adopting efficient and effective management practices existing within the United Nations system, in particular by promoting cooperation, learning and comparison of experience between United Nations duty stations, so that optimal practices are widely adopted, as appropriate;

27. *Requests* the Secretary-General to pursue the necessary management improvement measures as indicated in the previous paragraph, and to report thereon to the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its forty-second session;

28. *Recalls* paragraph 28 of General Assembly resolution 54/249, in which it requested the Secretary-General to provide a better explanation in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 on the use of standard costs and unit rates; notes with regret the absence of such explanations and requests the Secretary-General to address this matter within the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005;

29. *Emphasizes* that cost accounting and the system of costing outputs are an important part of an effective and transparent decision-making process, and requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly on this subject at its fifty-seventh session;

30. *Reaffirms* the rules of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation and requests the Secretary-General to implement regulation 5.6 of those rules and report to the General Assembly on his effort, and also reaffirms that the application of rule 105.6 (a) of these regulations and rules should continue to reflect the understanding that approval of the medium-term plan and the programme budget constitute the reaffirmation of the mandate reflected therein;

31. *Notes with concern* the high cost of information technology-related equipment at some duty stations away from Headquarters;

32. *Recalls* its resolution 56/__,[5] in which it requested the Secretary-General re-submit his proposed information technology strategy to improve efficiency, clarify responsibilities in the Secretariat, improve decision-making and identify information technology priorities to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session;

33. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure a more consistent presentation of proposed expenditure on information-technology-related services and equipment for the biennium 2004-2005, detailing the maintenance and unit costs for equipment, and a full distinction between internal and external costs;

34. *Requests* the Secretary-General to conduct a review of library services covering the Dag Hammarskjöld Library, the libraries in Geneva and Vienna, libraries in the regional commissions, departmental libraries, libraries at information centres and depositary libraries, with a view to defining the purpose of United Nations library services, identifying primary clients or users, and the relationships and roles of the libraries including the best way to achieve their mandates through the relevant intergovernmental bodies and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session;

35. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to implement as soon as possible new and more efficient ways of providing library services;

36. *Decides* to make changes, as contained in annex I to the present resolution, to the programme narratives in the final published version of the

[5] A/C.5/56/L.11.

proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, as reflected in the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its forty-first session and the provisions of the present resolution;

37. *Requests* the Secretary-General to study the possibility of introducing the practice whereby user departments within the United Nations Secretariat are responsible from their own budgets for the consumption and payment of those central services currently borne centrally under section 27, Common support services, of the regular budget to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session;

III

38. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions contained in its reports on the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

39. *Reaffirms* paragraph 6 of resolution 55/233, whereby the General Assembly decided, inter alia, that additional requirements in the amount of 93.7 million dollars (before recosting) included in the proposed programme budget for the financing of special political missions should be financed in conformity with the provisions of resolution 41/213;

40. *Reaffirms* its support for maintaining the international character of the Organization and to the principles of efficiency, competence and integrity enshrined in Article 101 of the Charter of the United Nations;

41. *Also reaffirms* the role of the General Assembly with regard to the structure of the Secretariat, including the creation, conversion, suppression and redeployment of posts, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to provide the General Assembly with comprehensive information on all decisions involving established and temporary high-level posts, including equivalent positions financed from the regular budget and from extrabudgetary resources;

42. *Emphasizes* that there shall be no arbitrary ceiling on the budget of the United Nations, and that resources proposed by the Secretary-General, in the context of the proposed programme budget, should be commensurate with all mandated programmes and activities, in order to ensure their full, effective and efficient implementation;

43. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in his proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005, to submit estimates of the total amount of resources, from all sources of financing, that he should have at his disposal to be able to implement fully the mandated programmes and activities efficiently and effectively;

44. *Requests* the Secretary-General to present to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session an updated study on a comprehensive solution to the problem of additional expenditures deriving from inflation and currency fluctuations taking into account its resolution 41/213;

45. *Reaffirms* its role in carrying out a thorough analysis and approval of human and financial resources, with a view to ensuring full, efficient and effective implementation of all mandated programmes and activities and the implementation of policies in this regard;

46. *Emphasizes* the need for Member States to provide adequate resources for the full, efficient and effective implementation of all mandated programmes and activities;

47. *Reiterates* the need for the Secretary-General to ensure that resources are utilized strictly for the purposes approved by the General Assembly;

48. *Notes* the substantial reliance on extrabudgetary resources in some sections of the proposed programme budget, in the light of mandated programmes and activities, of some programmes, and reiterates that core functions of the United Nations, as a principle, should be financed through apportionment among Member States;

49. *Notes with concern* the current and projected potential decreasing trend in extrabudgetary resources and that this decrease in some sections of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 could have an adverse impact on the effective implementation of programmes and activities, especially those programmes that are still heavily funded primarily through such resources;

50. *Notes* that the bulk of extrabudgetary funds are tied to specific operations and utilized on the basis of donor wishes, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the this does not affect the nature of the programme or the orientation of its mandates;

51. *Requests* the Secretary-General to select consultants and experts, as well as staff charged against general temporary assistance, on as wide a geographical basis as possible, in accordance with the principles of the Charter and the provisions of resolution 53/221;

52. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that, in future programme budget proposals, requests for consultants and experts groups are clearly and separately identified in the programme narratives;

53. *Reaffirms* that the vacancy rate is a tool for budgetary calculations and should not be used to achieve budgetary savings;

54. *Also reaffirms* that deliberate management decisions should not be taken to keep a certain number of posts vacant, as this action makes the budget process less transparent and management of human and financial resources less efficient;

55. *Decides* that a vacancy rate of 6.5 per cent for Professional staff and 3.1 per cent for General Service staff shall be used as a basis for the calculation of the budget for the biennium 2002-2003;

56. *Notes* that, should the realized vacancy rates be lower than the budgeted ones, the General Assembly would provide additional resources, if required, in the first and/or second performance report, so as to preclude the need for any constraint on recruitment of staff;

57. *Requests* the Secretary-General to recruit staff expeditiously by proper planning and by streamlining personnel practices and procedures, in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 55/238, in order to avoid any adverse impact of a high vacancy rate on the effective and efficient implementation and delivery of mandated programmes and activities;

58. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that posts are not deliberately left vacant to provide a cushion for absorbing the costs of special missions and other activities authorized "within available resources";

59. *Reaffirms* paragraphs 62 and 63 of the annex to its resolution 51/241 of 31 July 1997;

60. *Regrets* that the Secretary-General did not undertake a comprehensive review of the post structure of the Secretariat, and did not make proposals in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 to address the top-heavy nature of the Organization;

61. *Decides* not to approve the upward reclassifications of the posts requested by the Secretary-General in the proposed budget for the biennium 2002-2003;

62. *Notes with concern* that the comprehensive review of the post structure of the Secretariat requested in its resolution 54/249 to address the top-heavy post structure of the Organization was not submitted, and reiterates that the comprehensive review be submitted to it at its fifty-seventh session;

63. *Also notes with concern* the number of reclassifications and new posts at senior levels proposed by the Secretary-General, which could lead to a further distortion in the pyramid staff structure of an Organization that is already top-heavy;

64. *Notes with concern* the inadequacies of existing mechanisms for proposing and filling the reclassified posts, and requests the Secretary-General to establish a new mechanism centralizing within the auspices of the Office of Human Resources Management all proposals for reclassification, provided that all such proposals meet the following criteria:

(a) Proposals are of an exceptional nature;

(b) There is justification in terms of a change in the nature or scope of the work;

(c) There are full details outlining the increase in the responsibility;

(d) Such proposals are accompanied by justifiable and verifiable workload statistics;

(e) Any request involving the grading of a post must be justified solely in relation to the post itself, and without reference to the incumbent or potential incumbent;

(f) The potential incumbent of the post being proposed for reclassification has encumbered that post for at least three years;

65. *Emphasizes* that the reclassification of posts should not be used as a promotion tool and that reclassified posts, as approved by the General Assembly, should be filled only in full conformity with the established procedures for recruitment and placement;

66. *Notes with concern* cases in which incumbents of posts are being paid at a level other than the one provided for in the budget, and requests the Secretary-General to provide a comprehensive report on this matter to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session;

67. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue to comply strictly with the approved travel polices, standards, and regulations and rules, particularly with respect to ensuring that travel is undertaken by the most direct and economical route;

68. *Notes* the current use of videoconferencing as a means of communication within the United Nations and requests the Secretary-General to study comprehensively this issue and report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session;

69. *Requests* the Secretary-General to further enhance cooperation between relevant headquarters departments and regional commissions in order to ensure the quality of output and services to Member States and address the duplication and overlap of services, where they exist, and improve the efficiency of programme support activities, and report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session;

70. *Decides* to reduce the resources proposed by the Secretary-General for allocation for specific operational requirements, as follows:

(a) Travel of staff, by 2,800,000 dollars;

(b) Contractual services, by 6,400,000 dollars;

(c) General operating expenses, by 19,700,000 dollars;

(d) Supplies and materials, by 1,400,000 dollars;

(e) Furniture and equipment, by 7,200,000 dollars;

(f) Consultants and experts, with exception of resources allocated under section 9 for the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and under sections 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 for the regional commissions, by 2,000,000 dollars;

(g) Information technology, with exception of resources for the Economic Commission for Africa allocated under section 16, by 10,000,000 dollars;

IV

71. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure a more balanced proportion of staff costs devoted to programme support in comparison with those devoted to the programme of work itself in all the regional commissions, in particular in the Economic Commission for Africa;

72. *Notes with concern* the high proportion of General Service posts, compared to Professional posts, in the regional commissions and requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session on efforts undertaken, as appropriate;

73. *Notes* paragraph VI.14 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[2] and requests the Secretary-General, as a general principle, to keep under review the ratio between General Service staff and Professional staff, taking into account the impact on the Organization of the investments in new technologies and bearing in mind the differentiated mandates and programmes of work of the various duty stations;

74. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in accordance with the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation, to review the publications and information materials of the United Nation to ensure:

(a) That they do not duplicate other United Nations publications;

(b) That they have an identified target group;

(c) That they are targeted to the appropriate audience;

(d) That they have a significant impact on that audience;

(e) That recommendations are made on methods to strengthen the publication activities;

(f) Direct and indirect cost of producing, translating and disseminating and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session;

75. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure equal treatment for the six official languages in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library, in the traditional means of publication, as well as in the electronic media, including the Internet;

76. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consider the importance of specialists available at the Dag Hammarskjöld Library to provide services in cataloguing and collection maintenance in all six official languages, to facilitate the use of reference works and documents by delegations and to upgrade the Library's holdings of reference works and books in all relevant categories in all six official languages;

77. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to accelerate his efforts to fill all posts currently vacant in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library, and to ensure the prompt and efficient processing of materials in all six official languages;

Part I
Overall policy-making, direction and coordination

Section 1
Overall policy-making, direction and coordination

78. *Notes with concern* the potential for duplication in some functions between sections of the Office of External Relations and the Department of Public Information, both of which have functions that include outreach, promotion and maintenance of the relations of the United Nations with important actors in civil society and non-governmental organizations;

79. *Decides* to establish the position of Ombudsman at the level of Assistant Secretary-General in the Office of the Secretary-General, to be supported by a legal officer at the P-4 level, in place of the D-2 and the P-4 posts originally proposed under section 27A, Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management, and requests the Secretary-General to submit a report on the adequate level of the post in the future;

Section 2
General Assembly affairs and conference services

80. *Notes with concern* that productivity standards for interpreters have not been reviewed since 1974, that workload standards and processes for translation have not changed substantially, and the complaints about the quality of the interpretation and translation;

81. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that conference services are managed in an integrated manner throughout all duty stations in the Organization;

82. *Emphasizes* that all duty stations shall be given equal treatment in respect of conference services and, in this regard, requests the Secretary-General to provide adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their mandates;

83. *Requests* the Secretary-General to present to the General Assembly at its resumed fifty-sixth session, or no later than its fifty-seventh session, through the relevant intergovernmental and expert bodies, specific proposals for the conversion of some of the temporary assistant posts requested in section 2 into established posts wherever that would measurably lead to higher efficiency and better quality of services;

84. *Requests* the Secretary-General to present a report to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session on working methods, functions and productivity standards, and on the quality and quantity of those functions of the Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services, and on the backstopping functions within the Secretariat, bearing in mind the need to make proposals for the efficient use of resources and to consider the best way to fulfil its mandates;

85. *Notes* the information contained in paragraph I.76 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[2] that the billing arrangement used by the United Nations Office at Nairobi for conference services was working fairly well, and requests the Secretary-General to take further measures to address instances of irregular cash flow;

86. *Requests* the Secretary-General to include in the budget performance reports comprehensive information (in tabular form) on the use of temporary assistance in the United Nations language services at duty stations under the responsibility of the Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services, with the breakdown for languages, number of staff (local and non-local), number of workdays and expenditures (on local and non-local staff);

87. *Decides* to reduce the allocation of resources proposed for travel costs under subprogramme 2 in New York by 20,000 dollars;

Part II
Political affairs

Section 3
Political affairs

88. *Notes with concern* the potential for duplication of some activities under subprogramme 4 with the Department of Public Information;

89. *Decides* to reduce the allocation of resources proposed for travel of representatives under policy-making organs by 10,000 dollars;

Section 4
Disarmament

90. *Decides* to establish two new posts in the Professional category (1 P-5 and 1 P-4) and one new General Service (Other level) post;

Part III
International justice and law

Section 7
International Court of Justice

91. *Recalls* resolution 55/257 of 14 June 2001;

92. *Requests* the Secretary-General to invite the International Court of Justice to review its management functions, with a view to introducing a system of results-based budgeting; modernizing work-flow processes; enhancing the use of information technology for, inter alia, remote translation and the introduction of a performance appraisal system for staff;

Section 8
Legal affairs

93. *Requests* the Secretary-General to pursue increased timeliness and availability of international law codification documents and legal instruments in all six official languages of the United Nations;

Part IV
International cooperation for development

Section 9
Economic and social affairs

94. *Requests* the Secretary-General to consider, in consultation with relevant intergovernmental bodies, with respect to the delivery of advisory services to Member States, avoiding duplication and achieving optimum and effective use of resources, and to report thereon to the relevant intergovernmental bodies at its fifty-seventh session;

95. *Decides* to establish seven new P-2 posts as recommended by the Advisory Committee as well as two further P-2 posts as presented in the initial proposed programme budget;

Section 10
Africa: New Agenda for Development

96. *Reaffirms*, once again, the decision contained in paragraph 95 of its resolution 54/249, to assign priority to the development of Africa by the General Assembly and reiterates its previous request to the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to mobilize additional resources for the implementation of the programme of

action contained in United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s;

97. *Notes with appreciation* African-led and African-owned development plans, such as the New Partnership for Africa's Development;

Section 11A
Trade and development

98. *Emphasizes* that management restructuring should produce clearly defined gains in productivity and/or economies;

Section 12
Environment

99. *Notes* that the activities undertaken by the United Nations Environment Programme continue to heavily depend on extrabudgetary resources for their implementation and requests the Secretary-General to make every effort to ensure stability and predictability in funding the activities of the United Nations Environment Programme and in this regard, reiterates paragraph 110 of its resolution 54/249;

Section 13
Human settlements

100. *Notes* that the activities undertaken by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) continue to heavily depend on extrabudgetary resources for their implementation and requests the Secretary-General to make every effort to ensure stability and predictability in funding the activities of the Centre and in this regard reiterates paragraph 114 of its resolution 54/249;

101. *Emphasizes* the need for the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) to be provided with adequate human and financial resources to enable it to effectively implement the Declaration on Cities and other Human Settlements in the new Millennium, adopted by the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth special session;

102. *Reiterates* its request to the Secretary-General, contained in paragraph 111 of its resolution 54/249, in accordance with paragraph 229 of the Habitat Agenda and in consultation with the Commission on Human Settlements, to continue to ensure more effective functioning of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) by inter alia, providing sufficient human and financial resources within the regular budget of the United Nations;

Section 14
Crime prevention and criminal justice

103. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make proposals, as he sees appropriate, to strengthen the Terrorism Prevention Branch at the United Nations Office at Vienna to enable it to carry out its mandate as approved by the General Assembly, and to report thereon to the General Assembly for its consideration;

Section 15
International drug control

104. *Notes with deep concern* the reports of serious management irregularities in the United Nations drug-control activities as documented in recent reports of the Board of Auditors and the Office of Internal Oversight Services;

105. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary actions to immediately correct the management problems;

Part V
Regional cooperation for development

Section 16
Economic and social development in Africa

106. *Notes with concern* the high vacancy rate in the Economic Commission for Africa and in this regard reiterates section III, paragraph 50, of its resolution 54/249;

107. *Regrets* that the request contained in paragraph 123 of its resolution 54/249 to achieve a vacancy rate of no more than 5 per cent within the biennium 2000-2001 was not met and, in this regard, requests the Secretary-General to take immediate steps to decrease substantially the persistently high vacancy rate which negatively affects programme delivery in the Commission;

108. *Recalls* section IV, paragraph 123, of its resolution 54/249 in which it requested the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures, as a matter of priority, to achieve a vacancy rate of no more than 5 per cent;

109. *Expresses its deep concern* that the Economic Commission for Africa is still suffering from a significantly high vacancy rate at the Professional level and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that all posts budgeted for the biennium 2002-2003 are filled;

110. *Reiterates* its request that the Secretary-General redeploy to the subregional development centres any savings realized during the biennium as a result of reform measures and efficiency gains from within the Economic Commission for Africa;

111. *Reiterates also* its request to the Secretary-General to provide the African Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders with the core professional staff required to enable it to function effectively towards the fulfilment of its mandates;

112. *Expresses* concern about the inadequate connectivity between the headquarters of the Economic Commission for Africa and the five subregional development centres, and between the Commission and the rest of the United Nations system and, in this regard, decides to exempt the regional commission from the proposed reductions in information technology referred to in section III, paragraph 70 (g) of the present resolution;

113. *Emphasizes* the need to improve the capacity of the Economic Commission for Africa to disseminate information effectively through the use of electronic methods, and, in this regard, shares the opinion of the Advisory

Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, contained in paragraph V.20 of its report[2] that the programme of modernization of operations of the Commission is important and that the provision of resources therefore should not be dependent upon the possibility of absorption within the Commission's appropriations, and requests the Secretary-General to report in the context of the budget performance report on the additional expenditure that might be incurred;

114. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report on progress in implementing new communications technologies and resulting efficiencies in the context of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005;

115. *Recognizes* that the Economic Commission for Africa will have a major role to play in the implementation of the new African initiatives, such as the New Partnership for Africa's Development;

Section 17
Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific

116. *Requests* the Secretary-General to pursue his efforts to maximize the use of the Conference Centre, including through its external use, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session;

Section 18
Economic development in Europe

117. *Notes with concern* the lack of detail in the proposed programme budget of unit costs for replacement or acquisition of information technology-related equipment;

118. *Notes* the increase in proposed resources for external support for information technology platform strengthening;

Section 19
Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean

119. *Commends* the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean for the implementation of the reform programme for the Commission;

120. *Expresses its deep concern* at the decreasing trend in extrabudgetary resources and at its impact on the level of technical cooperation activities;

121. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit concrete proposals to address the impact of declining extrabudgetary resources for the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean at the fifty-seventh session of the General Assembly;

122. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that all the necessary means are provided for the full implementation of all subprogrammes and their respective activities;

123. *Notes* with concern that consultants and experts are also used for verifying the views of the Secretariat;

Section 20
Economic and social development in Western Asia

124. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure fully the issuance of all documents and publications of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia in Arabic, which is most relevant to the requirements of the Member States of the region, as well as in the other working languages of the Commission to meet the requirements of readers outside the region, as appropriate, and to report thereon to the General Assembly by its fifty-seventh session;

Part VI
Human rights and humanitarian affairs

Section 22
Human rights

125. *Notes* that resources proposed for activities related to the right to development are not clearly differentiated in subprogramme 1, and requests the Secretary-General to present concrete proposals to address this issue in the context of the revisions of the medium-term plan to be considered by the Committee for Programme and Coordination;

126. *Notes* that there are 22 subcommissions, committees and other groups involved in the programme of work of human rights, and requests the Secretary-General to make proposals through the relevant intergovernmental bodies with a view to rationalizing and streamlining the human rights machinery as well as the establishment of rapporteurs, number of meetings, reports and publications, in order to avoid duplication and promote efficiency and effectiveness, and to report thereon in the context of the next programme budget;

127. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust to the Office of Internal Oversight Services, a comprehensive management review of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, including its working methods and functions, bearing in mind the need to make proposals for the efficient and effective use of resources as well as its organizational structure and to report on the actions taken thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session;

128. *Notes* that the bulk of extrabudgetary funds are tied to specific operations and utilized on the basis of donor wishes and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that the practice of tied funds does not affect the policies of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights or the Commission on Human Rights and its subsidiary bodies as impartial international instruments for the advancement of human rights;

129. *Decides* to establish one new P-3 post and one new General Service (Other level) post for the functions in the office;

130. *Decides* to reduce the proposed allocation of resources for furniture and equipment under programme support by 40,200 United States dollars;

131. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that funding for the centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Central and West Africa should be formally made an integral part of the regular budget for human rights in future bienniums;

Section 23
Protection of and assistance to refugees

132. *Deeply regrets* that some amounts previously funded under posts, other staff costs, general operating expenses and supplies and materials have been presented in a less transparent manner under the provision of grants and contributions;

133. *Requests* the Secretary-General to reinstate resource requirements by object of expenditure with the provisions of other than grants and contributions, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its resumed fifty-sixth session;

134. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to review the funding of the Office of the High Commissioner from the regular budget in a transparent manner;

135. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to present resource requirements by object of expenditure with provisions other than grants and contributions in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005;

Section 24
Palestine refugees

136. *Welcomes* the efforts of a number of donors during the past year to the programme;

137. *Notes with concern* the direct impact of the decrease in extrabudgetary resources on the quality of services provided by the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees in the Near East;

138. *Decides* to restore to the regular budget, five additional international posts (1 P-5 and 4 P-4) currently financed from the Agency's extrabudgetary resources, in line with General Assembly resolution 2332B (XXIX) of 17 December 1974;

Section 25
Humanitarian assistance

139. *Decides* to establish three P-4 posts for the functions of the office;

Part VII
Public information

Section 26
Public information

140. *Decides* to establish a P-3 post in the News and Media Division for a Portuguese-language radio producer;

141. *Also decides* to establish a P-3 post at the United Nations Information Centre in Dar es Salaam;

142. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make available web site language assistance in the information technology section of the Department of Public Information, in Arabic, Chinese, Russian and Spanish and to make proposals as he deems appropriate, so that all official languages are equally serviced;

143. *Emphasizes* the need for the United Nations to have a coordinated public information strategy, in order to bring the activities of different parts of the Secretariat together in an integrated way;

144. *Requests* the Secretary-General to present to the General Assembly at its resumed fifty-sixth session concrete proposals on strengthening the Department of Public Information within the existing capacity in order to support and enhance the United Nations web site in all the official languages of the Organization;

145. *Also emphasizes* that the public information resources of the Organization must be targeted properly to ensure that the United Nations delivers a consistent message, through a variety of outlets, to the largest possible worldwide audience;

146. *Recognizes* the critical role of the Official Document System as a primary tool for accessing all forms of United Nations documentation and the United Nations web site as the public gateway to the activities of the Organization;

147. *Requests* the Secretary-General to improve the justification provided for the resources requested for the United Nations information centres in the context of the next proposed budget;

148. *Requests* the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session on the financial implications of redressing the imbalance among the six official languages of the United Nations on the United Nations web site;

149. *Requests* the Secretary-General to conduct a comprehensive review of the management and operations of the Department of Public Information, taking into account the medium-term plan, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session, addressing in the review, among other things:

(a) Ways to carry out these activities in the most effective and efficient manner;

(b) Focusing the activities of the department to better reflect the substantive priorities and relevant mandates of the Organization;

(c) The need for greater coordination of public information activities among departments of the Secretariat to avoid duplication of efforts and to strengthen complementarity, where appropriate;

(d) Assess the impact of United Nations information centres, taking into account their mandates;

(e) The option and benefit of funding the United Nations information centres on a cost-shared basis with other United Nations entities that benefit from the services of the information centres in each location;

150. *Notes with concern* the fact that the post of the Director of the Office of the United Nations Information Centre for Central Africa is still vacant despite several appeals from Member States of the subregion to fill it;

151. *Decides* to resume publication of the *United Nations Chronicle* in all official languages, as proposed by the Secretary-General, and allocates $700,000 for this purpose and welcomes the intention of using co-publishing mechanism in publishing the *Chronicle*;

Part VIII
Common support services

Section 27
Management and central support services

152. *Requests* the Secretary-General to conduct an evaluation through the Office of Internal Oversight Services on the implementation of all provisions of resolutions 55/231 on results-based budgeting and 55/258 on human resources management by the Department of Management, including the Office of the Under-Secretary-General, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its ____ session;

Section 27A
Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management

153. *Expresses concern* about the large amount of posts and resources that are devoted to management activities and programme support in the Department of Management and all the other Departments;

154. *Stresses* the need for the Integrated Management Information System to be enabled to manage and execute its administrative tasks as foreseen when it was first proposed to the General Assembly;[6]

155. *Requests* the Secretary-General, with the assistance of the Office of Internal Oversight Services, to review administrative tasks, procedures and policies with a view to eliminating duplication, unnecessary and complex bureaucratic procedures and practices within all Departments and entities of the Secretariat and to ensure that the Organization is managed in an integrated manner in order to eliminate duplication;

156. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the necessary equipment is available for the work of the Main Committees of the General Assembly so as to make the Secretariat more efficient, effective and modern;

Section 27D
Office of Central Support Services

157. *Decides* to reduce general operating expenditures as explained in paragraph A.27D.16, by 100,000 dollars and eliminate the maintenance and support of dictaphones in the Organization, as it is incompatible with the goals of an "E Organization";

158. *Decides* not to approve the increase of 2,116,800 dollars for furniture and equipment in the Information Technology Services Division;

159. *Invites* the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to expand free access to the Official Document System, taking into account the technical capacity of the Department on the Internet in the six official languages of the United Nations, without affecting the quality of the service provided;

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[6] See A/C.5/43/24, para. 54.

Section 27G
Administration, Nairobi

160. *Welcomes* the commitment of the Secretary-General to increase gradually the regular budget component of the United Nations Office at Nairobi, with a view to easing the administrative costs levied on the substantive programmes of the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) and requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session on his plan for the upcoming bienniums;

161. *Also welcomes* the establishment of a permanent interpretation service at the United Nations Office at Nairobi, and notes with satisfaction that the conference services facility at the United Nations Office at Nairobi is becoming organizationally, functionally and budgetarily an integral part of the Department of General Assembly Affairs and Conference Services, and that the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 for the Division of Conference Services is programmed in the context of section 2;

162. *Reaffirms* section IV, paragraph 178, of its resolution 54/249, in which it requested the Secretary-General to bring the financial arrangements of the United Nations Office at Nairobi into line with those of similar United Nations administrative offices;

163. *Notes* the recommendation of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the need to determine more accurately the level of services that the United Nations Office at Nairobi is required to provide to the organizations at Nairobi and the rates for reimbursing the cost of those services and requests the Secretary-General to expedite completion of the agreements between the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) and the United Nations Office at Nairobi to this effect;

Part X
Jointly financed administrative activities and special expenses

Section 29
Jointly financed administrative activities

164. *Stresses* the need to ensure that the independence of the Joint Inspection Unit, as the only system-wide external oversight body, is not compromised through the budgetary process;

165. *Reiterates* its decision 54/454 of 23 December 1999;

166. *Reaffirms* the statute of the Joint Inspection Unit, in particular article 20, paragraph 1;

Income section 2
General income

167. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue with the current arrangement regarding rental charges for the Office of the Group of 77 and China located at United Nations Headquarters;

Annex [xx]

Changes to the programme narratives of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, as reflected in the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its forty-first session, and additional modifications

Section 2
General Assembly affairs and conference services

Paragraph 2.7

At the end of the last sentence, replace the words "on an as-available basis from within the existing capacity of the Department" with the words "in accordance with paragraph 4 of section I of General Assembly resolution 55/222 of 23 December 2000".

Paragraph 2.8

At the end of the fourth sentence, insert the phrase ", without prejudice to the mandates of the General Assembly".

Paragraph 2.19 (d)

At the end of the subparagraph, replace the words "within available resources" with the phrase ", in accordance with the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and the relevant United Nations resolutions on decolonization".

Paragraph 2.46 (a)

After the first sentence, insert a new sentence, reading: "Translation and publishing of the Repertoire of Practice of the Security Council in the six official languages".

Paragraph 2.48

At the end of the fourth sentence, insert the phrase ", in accordance with General Assembly resolutions 54/248 and 55/222".

Section 3
Political affairs

Paragraph 3.3

In line 4 after "Member States", in accordance with paragraph 1.3 of the medium-term plan for 2002-2005, add the following:

"and the principles of non-intervention in matters that are essentially within the domestic jurisdiction of any state and of consent".

Table 3.12

Under Expected accomplishments, after "for the conduct of elections", add "in accordance with the relevant resolutions and decisions".

Under Indicators of achievement, replace subparagraph (i) with "Provision of electoral assistance to Member States in response to their request".

Paragraph 3.26

Delete the phrase "a fair and free" and replace it with "an".

At the end of the sentence add "in accordance with relevant resolutions and decisions".

Paragraph 3.27

In subparagraph (a) (i) a., delete the words "the principle of periodic and genuine", and add at the end of the sentence "in accordance with relevant resolutions and decisions".

In subparagraph (d) (ii), replace "authorities at the regional, national or local level" with "national electoral institutions".

Paragraph 3.38, first sentence

In line 3, after the first sentence, in accordance with paragraph 1.26 of the medium-term plan for 2002-2005, add the following sentence:

"Assistance will be provided to the Committee in promoting a comprehensive, just and lasting settlement of the question of Palestine in accordance with all relevant United Nations resolutions, as well as the full and effective implementation of the Israeli-Palestinian peace agreements".

Section 4
Disarmament

Paragraph 4.1

Replace the entire paragraph with the following:

"General and complete disarmament under strict and effective international control remains the ultimate goal of all efforts exerted in the field of disarmament. The main responsibilities for disarmament lie with Member States, and the United Nations, in accordance with its Charter, has a central role and primary responsibility in supporting Member States in this sphere. The Department for Disarmament Affairs, headed by an Under-Secretary-General, is responsible for the implementation of the programme".

Paragraph 4.2

Reformulate the text of the paragraph to read as follows:

"The mandate for the programme derives from the priorities established in General Assembly resolutions and decisions in the field of disarmament, including the Final Document of the Tenth Special Session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament (resolution S-10/2). While weapons of mass destruction, in particular nuclear weapons, continue to be the primary concern, the Organization would also continue its work in the field of conventional disarmament".

Paragraph 4.4

In the first sentence, replace the phrase "as well as to expert groups on disarmament studies" with "as well as review conferences, other meetings of States parties to multilateral agreements on disarmament and related matters, and expert groups assisting the Secretary-General in undertaking disarmament studies".

Paragraph 4.4 bis

Insert a new paragraph to read as follows: "Training and advisory services will continue to be provided through the United Nations disarmament fellowships, training and advisory services programme and the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research, for Member States, in particular developing countries, to enhance their expertise with a view to participating more effectively in international deliberating and negotiating forums. The Department will also assist Member States in increasing understanding among them of the relationship between disarmament and development".

Paragraph 4.6

Delete the words "and landmine issues".

Paragraph 4.14

In the second sentence, after the phrase "international disarmament agenda", delete the phrase "in order to make them conform to the new international political and security environment".

Replace the third and fourth sentences with the following:

"The Conference on Disarmament will be finalizing its work programme, which will include resuming negotiations on a number of disarmament issues and continuing the promotion of global disarmament, in accordance with its agenda".

Table 4.7

Under Indicators of achievement, in paragraph (a), after the words "effectiveness of" add the words "the services provided by the Secretariat to facilitate".

Replace paragraph (c) with the following:

"An increase in the number of applicants for the United Nations disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services programme and wider representation of Member States in the programme and greater support for the disarmament fellowship programme from Member States".

Table 4.9

Under Expected accomplishments, in paragraph (a), replace the text after the words "disarmament issues" with the following: "and on matters related to weapons of mass destruction, in particular nuclear weapons, by Member States".

In paragraph (b), replace the words "including the issue of missiles" with the words "on specific issues related to weapons of mass destruction, in particular nuclear weapons".

Under Indicators of achievement, paragraph (a) (i) should read: "A record of appreciation for assistance provided, including substantive and organizational support, for the implementation of agreements in the field of weapons of mass destruction, in particular nuclear weapons. This would include sessions of the Preparatory Committee for the 2005 Review Conference and ad hoc meetings".

Paragraph 4.25

In subparagraph (a) (iv), delete the words "and the panel of governmental experts on missiles (2 sessions, 40 meetings, 2000)".

In subparagraph (a) (v), after the words "2 sessions", add the words "40 meetings, 2002" within the parentheses.

In all instances where the words "weapons of mass destruction" appear, if it has not already been done, insert a comma after the word "destruction" and add the words "in particular nuclear weapons".

Section 5
Peacekeeping operations

Paragraph 5.3

Replace the first sentence with the entire text of paragraph 3.1 of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005.

In the seventh sentence, replace the phrase "on a broad geographic basis" with "and on as wide a geographical basis as possible".

After the seventh sentence, add the following sentence:

"However, this will not affect the troop-contributing countries in taking their sovereign decisions on the composition of their units deployed to peacekeeping operations within the mission's specific guidelines, as agreed upon by troop-contributing countries".

Paragraph 5.8

At the end of the penultimate sentence, replace the phrase "peace operations" with "peacekeeping operations".

Paragraph 5.24

After the phrase "Security Council mandates", delete the phrase reading "and that other parties ... their role".

Paragraph 5.25 (c)

After the phrase "and provision of support to meetings with Member States", replace the phrase reading "other United Nations programmes ... non-governmental organizations" with "by other Organizations within the United Nations system, as well as with other regional organizations and actors, in accordance with legislative mandates".

Table 5.11

Under indicators of achievement (b), add two additional indicators, as follows:

"(i) Reduction in the duration of the liquidation process;

"(ii) Timeliness of the processing and setting of claims of troop-contributing countries by the Claims and Information Management Section under the Field Management and Support Services".

Paragraph 5.32

After the phrase "required military and civilian police components", add the phrase "that meet the relevant prerequisites of the peacekeeping missions", and delete the words "to peacekeeping missions".

Paragraph 5.33

In subparagraphs (b), (c) and (d), replace the phrase "peace operations" with the phrase "peacekeeping operation(s)".

Section 6
Peaceful uses of outer space

Table 6.3

Under Expected accomplishments, paragraph (c) should read:

"(c) Increased access and use of space technologies by developing countries in their efforts to promote economic, social and cultural development."

Under Indicators of achievement, paragraph (c) should read:

"(c) (i) An increase in the number of projects and activities carried out by developing countries to promote economic, social and cultural development through bilateral and multilateral cooperation, with access and use of space technologies."

Under Indicators of achievement, insert the following text as paragraph (c) (ii):

"An increase in and further enhancement of training opportunities for developing countries, including fellowships provided to individuals from developing countries to participate in workshops, expert meetings and training courses on various topics of space science and technology and its application." (A/55/6/Rev.1, para. 4.9 (e))

Section 8
Legal affairs

(a) In table 8.8, replace the entire text under the heading "Expected accomplishments" with the following:

"Provision of quality legal advice to the principal and subsidiary organs of the United Nations, leading to an increased understanding of international law, including the United Nations legal regime."

(b) In table 8.8, replace the entire text under the heading "Indicators of achievement" with the following:

"(a) Quality, timeliness and accuracy of advice;

"(b) Number of instruments finalized;

"(c) Number and impact of opinions rendered on violations of international legal instruments for the conduct of United Nations operations."

(c) In table 8.10, replace the entire text under the heading "Expected accomplishments" with the following:

"(a) Greater protection of the Organization's legal rights and minimization of its legal liabilities, through the provision of quality legal advice to the principal and subsidiary organs of the United Nations, leading to an increased understanding of the Organization's legal rights and obligations;

"(b) Provision of legal advice and support aimed at enabling offices, departments and subsidiary organs to maximize their compliance with regulations, rules and administrative issuances consistent with the Organization's policies and purposes."

(d) In table 8.10, replace the entire text under the heading "Indicators of achievement" with the following:

"(a) Quality, accuracy and timeliness of legal advice and support;

"(b) Number and impact of legal opinions and other legal advice such that the United Nations offices are in a better position to interpret and apply provisions of the United Nations legal regime to specific cases and to comply with such provisions."

(e) In table 8.12, replace the entire text under the heading "Expected accomplishments" with the following:

"(a) Progress in the formulation and adoption of legal instruments to deal with issues of major international concern;

"(b) Increased knowledge and understanding of public international law;

"(c) Increased use of institutional mechanisms envisaged by international legal instruments."

(f) In table 8.12, replace the entire text under the heading "Indicators of achievement" with the following:

"(a) Increase in the number of new legal instruments emanating from the process of codification, adherence by States to existing instruments; and satisfaction expressed by Member States with the quality, volume and timeliness of documentation prepared by the Codification Division;

"(b) The quality of publications and seminars dealing with issues of international law; an increase in the number of visitors to the Division's web site;

"(c) Frequency of the use of institutional mechanisms by Member States and the timeliness of reports requested by the General Assembly in relevant resolutions."

(g) In table 8.14, replace the entire text under the heading "Expected accomplishments" with the following:

"(a) Greater respect for and acceptance of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and the related Agreements; higher degree of uniformity and consistency in their application;

"(b) Increased opportunities for States to derive benefits from the oceans and seas in conformity with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea."

(h) In table 8.14, replace the entire text under the heading "Indicators of achievement" with the following:

"(a) An increase in the number of legal instruments developed by States and international organizations in the field of the law of the sea and ocean affairs;"

"(b) The degree of satisfaction on the part of Member States, reflected in:

(i) Acknowledgement by Member States that the products and services provided through the subprogramme assisted their maritime programmes;

(ii) Increased participation of Member States in bodies and processes relating to oceans and the law of the sea."

(i) In table 8.16, replace the entire text under the heading "Expected accomplishments" with:

"(a) Modernization of trade practices;

"(b) Reduction of legal uncertainties and obstacles posed by inadequate and disparate laws;

"(c) More efficient trade negotiations;

"(d) Simplification of the administration of transaction and lower transaction costs;

"(e) Reduction of disputes in international trade."

(j) In table 8.16, replace the entire text under the heading "Indicators of achievement" with the following:

"(a) A higher number of transactions or a higher volume of international trade carried out under the regime of UNCITRAL legislative and non-legislative texts;

"(b) An increase in the number of legislative decisions based on UNCITRAL texts;

"(c) An increase in the number of merchants using or relying on harmonized international trade law in conducting trade."

(k) In table 8.18, replace the entire text under the heading "Expected accomplishments" with the following:

"(a) Improved access to international treaties deposited with the Secretary-General, including their status, and to treaties registered with the Secretariat;

"(b) Respect for the international treaty framework and the advancement of the international rule of law."

(l) In table 8.18, replace the entire text under the heading "Indicators of achievement" with the following:

"(a) Timely processing, registration and publication of international treaties deposited with the Secretary-General in accordance with Article 102 of the Charter, and of actions relating to treaties deposited with the Secretary-General, including the United Nations *Treaty Series*, Multilateral treaties deposited with the Secretary-General, the monthly Statement of Treaties and International Agreements and the United Nations *Treaty Series* Cumulative Index; and the timely availability of such information through electronic services;

"(b) Increased application of information obtained through services provided under this subprogramme, including electronic services;

"(c) Greater satisfaction of users with the services provided by the Treaty Section, including electronic services."

Section 9
Economic and social affairs

Table 9.9

Under Expected accomplishments, add new paragraphs (e), (f) and (g) as follows:

"(e) Establishment of an expanded framework for information exchange and communication with Governments and civil society.

"(f) Increased efficiency and effectiveness of the Inter-Agency Committee on Women and Gender Equality.

"(g) An increased number of ratifications of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and its Optional Protocol, increased compliance by States parties with reporting obligations under the Convention and improved coordination between the Division for the Advancement of Women and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights in contributing to the development and strengthening of human rights mechanisms to ensure the enjoyment by women of their human rights".

Table 9.9

Under Indicators of achievement, add new paragraphs (e) and (f) as follows:

"(e) The number of ratifications of the Convention and its Optional Protocol, the number of States parties submitting their reports to the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women on time and the number of reports examined by the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women.

"(f) The development of tools and methodologies and the promotion of good practices with respect to system-wide gender mainstreaming by the Inter-Agency Committee on Women and Gender Equality of the Administrative Committee on Coordination, including enhancement of the capabilities of the regional economic commissions to work as focal points for inter-agency coordination on gender issues within the United Nations system".

Paragraph 9.62 (a) (iii) b.

In Parliamentary documentation. Reports on, include a reference to the report on "existing studies, information and documentation on abuse against older persons".

Table 9.13

Under Expected accomplishments, renumber existing paragraph (c) to (c) (i) and insert new paragraph (c) (ii) "improved coordination of the implementation of the World Solar Programme".

Under Indicators of achievement, paragraph (c), after the phrase "sustainable development", insert the phrase "including the World Solar Programme".

Paragraph 9.69 (a) (vi)

In the last sentence, after the word "development", add the words "including solar energy".

Table 9.21

Under Expected accomplishments, replace paragraph (e) with the following text: "improved access by Governments and international bodies to analytical tools, options and adequate methodologies regarding the linkages between political and economic issues and policies, such as economic sanctions, imposition of coercive economic measures, the relationship between disarmament and development and relevant aspects of post-conflict rehabilitation and reconstruction".

Section 10
Africa: New Agenda for Development

Subprogramme 1

Table 10.4

Under expected accomplishments, replace paragraph (b) by the following:

"Greater awareness and understanding of African development issues, including those related to post-conflict situations."

Under Indicators of achievement (b), after "The contribution" add "and impact".

Under indicators of achievement, add after paragraph (d), the following five paragraphs:

"(e) An assessment of the quality and timeliness of reports submitted to intergovernmental policy-making and review bodies to facilitate deliberations on Africa.

"(f) The number and usefulness of briefing sessions on issues concerning African development.

"(g) The number and usefulness of South-South forums sponsored or co-sponsored.

"(h) The number of visits to the Africa web page.

"(i) The use of databases on the activities of non-governmental organizations and other non-governmental partners contributing to African development."

Subprogramme 2

Table 10.6

Under expected accomplishments, add the following two paragraphs:

"(d) Improved reporting on and dissemination of experiences in the implementation of programmes and initiatives on Africa.

"(e) Strengthened national economic management capacity as an integral component of peace-building and post-conflict resolution."

Under indicators of achievement, add the following paragraph and re-letter the other paragraphs:

"(a) Expression of satisfaction over the support provided to Member States in implementing the programme of action."

Under indicators of achievement, in new paragraphs (c) and (d) add the words "and impact" after "The number".

Under indicators of achievement, add the following two paragraphs after paragraph (d):

"(e) The number and impact of forums and expert meetings organized to access and monitor the rate of implementation of the action programme.

"(f) The number and impact of training activities organized and development personnel benefiting from them."

Subprogramme 3

Table 10.8

Replace the two indicators of achievement by the following:

"(a) Assessment by users of the quality and volume of information disseminated regionally and internationally through the print and electronic media outlets.

"(b) The timely and regular issuance of *Africa Recovery*.

"(c) The number and quality of informational materials prepared and media events organized in order to maintain the international spotlight on Africa."

"(d) Immediate steps should be taken to fill the vacancies which negatively affect programme delivery.

"(e) Activities envisaged in subprogramme 3 should be reinforced in view of the forthcoming final evaluation of UN-NADAF in the year 2002.

"(f) The various reports related to the final evaluation of UN-NADAF listed as outputs under subprogrammes 1 and 2 should, inter alia:

(i) Present an exhaustive assessment of all the activities carried out by all partners concerned in the various areas covered by the UN-NADAF;

(ii) Provide a critical analysis which would make it possible:

a. To identify successes, obstacles and failures;

b. To highlight the lessons learned;

c. To indicate the impact and implications of the activities on the development of Africa, in the light of the commitments, responsibilities and objectives initially set by UN-NADAF;

(iii) Include concrete proposals on the arrangements for a successor to UN-NADAF. The proposals should include effective coordination measures at the international, regional, subregional and national levels.

Section 11A
Trade and development

Paragraph 11A.2

After the last sentence, insert the following sentence: "It is foreseen that the Trade and Development Board will mainstream the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 within the work programme of UNCTAD, as well as in the UNCTAD intergovernmental process. It is also foreseen that similar efforts will be undertaken by the governing bodies of all United Nations system organizations, as appropriate."

Section 12
Environment

Paragraph 12.21

In the second sentence, replace the words "collection, analysis and interpretation of data" with the words "collection and analysis of data".

In the third sentence, after the words "reporting arrangements", add the words "invited it to submit its programme of work to the Assembly".

Paragraph 12.22

At the end of the last sentence, add the words "in consultation with scientists and experts from interested Member States".

Table 12.10

Insert a new expected accomplishment as follows: "(e) The implementation of a new strategic environmental law programme for the first decade of the millennium".

Insert a new indicator of achievement as follows: "(e) The adoption by the Governing Council of a new strategic environmental law programme".

Table 12.14

Insert a new expected accomplishment as follows: "(f) Adherence to the goals of the International Declaration on Cleaner Production".

Insert a new indicator of achievement as follows: "(f) The number of signatures to the International Declaration on Cleaner Production".

Section 13
Human settlements

Table 13.9

Under Expected accomplishments, replace the words "city authorities" with the words "local authorities".

Section 14
Crime prevention and criminal justice

Table 14.5

Replace expected accomplishment (b) with paragraph 12.7 (b) of programme 12 of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005,1 as follows:

"The expansion of global knowledge of and expertise to deal with crime problems such as those posed by transnational organized crime, trafficking in persons, economic and financial crime, including money-laundering, corruption, illicit manufacturing and trafficking in firearms and terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, as well as to promote fair and efficient criminal justice systems;"

Replace indicator of achievement (b) with paragraph 12.8 (b) of programme 12 of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005,1 as follows:

"Awareness of best practices and information disseminated, research undertaken and new techniques developed and shared among Member States to respond to crime problems as well as to promote fair and efficient criminal justice systems;"

In indicator of achievement (c) (i), replace the words "transnational organized crime, trafficking in persons, corruption and terrorism in all its forms and manifestations" with the words "crime problems";

In indicator of achievement (c) (iii), replace the words "transnational organized crime, trafficking in persons, corruption and terrorism in all its forms and manifestations" with the words "crime problems";

Paragraph 14.18 (a)

Replace the words "Readiness of Governments to ratify" with the words "Cooperation of Member States in ratifying";

Paragraph 14.18 (b)

Delete the words "including from sensitive government data sources".

Paragraph 14.19 (a)

Add a new subparagraph (vi), reading:

"(vi) Ad Hoc Committee for the negotiation of a legal instrument against corruption

a. Substantive servicing of meetings. Six sessions of two weeks' duration (120 meetings);

b. Parliamentary documentation. Six reports to the Ad Hoc Committee, including, inter alia, annotated agendas with transmission of a draft text, contributions and proposals by States; six reports on each session of the Ad Hoc Committee."

Paragraph 14.19 (a) (v)

The subparagraph should read:

"(v) Ad hoc expert groups (RB/XB): Four regional expert group meetings on technical issues of common regional concern on the ratification and/or implementation of the Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its three protocols; one expert group meeting each on: the criminal misuse of information technologies; best practices to combat trafficking in human beings and smuggling of migrants by land, sea and air, with attention given to the gender dimensions; best practices in combating corruption, with attention given to the gender dimensions; hostage situations and rescue operations; recognizing early warning signals of terrorist escalation; and legal approaches to combating terrorism;"

Paragraph 14.19 (d) (ii)

Delete the subparagraph.

The Committee recommended the strengthening of the Secretariat of the Centre for International Crime Prevention, including the field offices of the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention, so as to accomplish the tasks related to crime prevention and criminal justice and transnational organized crime through, inter alia, the full implementation of the recommendations of the Office of Internal Oversight Services and of the Board of Auditors concerning the management and implementation of the Centre's programme.

Section 15
International drug control

Table 15.7

Add two new expected accomplishments, as follows:

"(e) Improved coordination of drug-control-related activities throughout the United Nations system with UNDCP providing leadership;

"(f) Progress made towards the adoption and implementation of measures to strengthen national legislation and progress giving effect to the action plan against the illicit manufacture, trafficking and abuse of amphetamine-type stimulants and their precursors; measures to eliminate or reduce significantly the illicit manufacture, marketing and trafficking of other psychotropic substances, including synthetic drugs, and the diversion of precursors; national legislation and programmes to counter money laundering; and measures to promote and strengthen judicial cooperation;"

Add two new indicators of achievement, as follows:

"(e) The completion of needs assessments for multilateral cooperation on drug control;

"(f) Measures taken to strengthen national legislation and to give effect to the action plan against the illicit manufacture, trafficking and abuse of amphetamine-type stimulants and their precursors; to eliminate or reduce significantly the illicit manufacture, marketing and trafficking of other psychotropic substances, including synthetic drugs, and the diversion of precursors; national legislation and programmes to counter money laundering; and to promote and strengthen judicial cooperation."

Table 15.10

Under Indicators of achievement, delete in paragraph (c) the words "(conclusion of agreements and memoranda of understanding)".

Table 15.12

Under Expected accomplishments, in paragraph (a), between the words "meeting" and "goals" insert the words "by 2003 the".

Under Indicators of achievement, in paragraph (a), add "by 2003" after "society".

Paragraph (e)

The paragraph should read:

"Number of guides on prevention and treatment issues developed during seminars and workshops and expert group meetings, and actually in use by Member States, to determine what constitutes effective prevention among school-based youth, youth at risk and women, and the design of treatment responses based on needs assessment and evaluation results."

Table 15.14, Objective 2

Under Expected accomplishments, in paragraph (a) add "by 2003" between "to meet" and "the goals".

Paragraph 15.35 (a) (iv)

Delete the words "one ad hoc expert group meeting on international cooperation against drug trafficking at sea; and".

Section 16
Economic and social development in Africa

Paragraph 16A.1

The last sentence of the paragraph should read:

"The main objective of development in Africa is the reduction of poverty, an objective that was reaffirmed in Copenhagen in 1995 at the World Summit for Social Development, which set a target of reducing poverty by half by 2015."

Table 16 A.9

Add the following under expected accomplishments:

"Increased mobilization of financial resources for the development of Africa."

Add the following two indicators of achievement:

"(iii) A substantial increase in financial flows to the countries of the region;

"(iv) The number of countries that have adopted investment and trade liberalization policies, including the removal of physical and non-physical barriers."

Table 16A.13

At the beginning of indicator of achievement (b), add the words "An increase in".

Table 16A.15

Under expected accomplishments, add a new expected accomplishment (d), reading:

"Increased Internet connectivity of African countries."

At the end of indicator of achievement (b) add the words "Number of countries that, with the support of ECA, have improved their statistical systems, leading to the collection and dissemination of timely and reliable data".

Add a new indicator of achievement (d), reading:

"An increase in the number of African Internet hosts and countries with direct connections."

Table 16A.17

Add the following two new expected accomplishments:

"(c) Increased, effective and harmonized utilization of transboundary water resources;

"(d) Substantial implementation of the Framework of Action adopted by the Conference of African Ministers of Transport and Communications".

Add the following new indicator of achievement:

"(c) An increase in positive results of the implementation of the Framework of Action for transport and communications".

Section 19
Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean

Table 19.7

In performance indicator (a), delete the phrase "in particular with respect to the ongoing negotiations on a Free Trade Area of the Americas".

Table 19.19

In expected accomplishment (b), delete the phrase "democratic governance".

Table 19.21

Expected accomplishment (b) should read:

"Increased technical capacity to incorporate an environmental dimension into the design of economic policies and the innovative use of economic

instruments in environmental management, including a better understanding of the uneven effects of such policies on men and women."

Section 22
Human rights

"Requests the Secretary-General through the Office of Internal Oversight Services to carry out a comprehensive management review of the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, including its working methods, functions and the quality and quantity of those functions, bearing in mind the need to make proposals for efficiency measures, gains and targets, and report on the actions taken thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session."

1. Overview

(1) Paragraph 22.2

Delete in line 9 the words "to combat discrimination; to promote better life chances for human beings through the implementation of human rights, including civil, political, social and cultural rights and the right to development;"

(2) Paragraphs 22.3, 22.5 to 22.8

(i) Option 1

Replace the text of these paragraphs "The programme of work aims at the following:" and insert subparagraphs (a) to (p) of paragraph 19.3 of the medium-term plan.

(ii) Option 2

Divide the 16 items listed in paragraph 19.3 of the medium-term plan into the following seven groups:

"(i) international cooperation, technical cooperation and provision of assistance:" (a), (d), (k) and (l) of paragraph 19.3 of the medium-term plan.

"(ii) right to development and economic, social and cultural rights:" (c) and (f) of paragraph 19.3 of the medium-term plan.

"(iii) the Office of the High Commissioner, organization and activities of the United Nations Secretariat:" (b), (e), (i) and (j) of paragraph 19.3 of the medium-term plan.

"(iv) treaty bodies and special procedures:" (g) and (h) of paragraph 19.3 of the medium-term plan.

"(v) education and public information, provision of research and analysis to States:"

(o) and (p) of paragraph 19.3 of the medium-term plan.

"(vi) fight with racism and protection of minorities:"

(n) of paragraph 19.3 of the medium-term plan.

"(vii) integration of women and the girl child:"

(m) of paragraph 19.3 of the medium-term plan.

(3) Paragraph 22.10

Delete the paragraph.

2. Subprogramme 1, Table 22.7

(1) Measurement of achievement (a) (ii) line 2

Delete "related to the right to development".

(2) Measurement of achievement (a) (iii) line 7

Replace the words "contribute to the promotion and protection of the right to development" with the words "contribute to the fulfilment of the objectives of the Subprogramme."

(3) Measurement of achievement (c)

Replace paragraph (c) with the following:

"(c) (i) The extent to which the mandate given to the Secretariat contained in resolutions and decisions adopted by the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on Human Rights had been fulfilled,

"(ii) The holding of seminars and workshops organized by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, in accordance with the relevant resolutions and decisions adopted by the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on Human Rights, or in cooperation with the Office of the High Commissioner, and the extent to which they contributed to the fulfilment of the objectives of the subprogramme,

"(iii) An increased number of visitors to the web site of the Office of the High Commissioner,

"(iv) The number of new publications of the Office of the High Commissioner as well as their distribution and the assessment by users of their quality and usefulness."

(4) Measurement of achievement (d) (iii)

Replace subparagraph (iii) with the following: "(iii) The holding of seminars and workshops on the elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, organized by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, in accordance with the relevant resolutions and decisions adopted by the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on Human Rights, or in cooperation with the Office of the High Commissioner."

Add "(iv) An increased number of visitors to the web site of the Office of the High Commissioner on the elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance."

Add "(v) The number of new publications of the Office of the High Commissioner on the elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance as well as their distribution and the assessment by user of their quality and usefulness."

(5) Measurement of achievement (e) (iii) line 4

Delete "in order to advance the full realization of the right to development, in accordance with the Declaration on the Right to Development"

Add "(iv) The holding of seminars and workshops on the rights of women, children, persons belonging to minorities, migrant workers, indigenous people and persons with disabilities, organized by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, in accordance with the relevant resolutions and decisions adopted by the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on Human Rights, or in cooperation with the Office of the High Commissioner."

Add "(v) An increased number of visitors to the web site of the Office of the High Commissioner on the rights of women, children, persons belonging to minorities, migrant workers, indigenous people and persons with disabilities."

Add "(vi) The number of new publications of the Office of the High Commissioner on the elimination of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance as well as their distribution and the assessment by user of their quality and usefulness."

3. Subprogramme 2, Table 22.9

(1) Expected accomplishments

Delete (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g).

(2) Measurement of achievement

Replace subparagraph (a)(i) with "(i) The quality and timeliness of services provided by the Office of the High Commissioner."

Delete (a)(iii) and (iv).

Delete (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g).

Add "(a)(iii) The number of reports prepared by the Secretariat in accordance with resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on Human Rights, and the extent to which they were presented in a timely manner, in compliance with the six-week rule for the issuance of documentation, for consideration by organs dealing with human rights."

Add "(b)(ii) The number of reports prepared by the Secretariat in accordance with resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on Human Rights, and the extent to which they were presented in a timely manner, in compliance with the six-week rule for the issuance of documentation, for consideration by organs dealing with human rights."

4. Subprogramme 2, External factors

Paragraph 22.39

Delete (a).

5. Subprogramme 2, Outputs

Paragraph 22.40

Delete subparagraph (a)(xv).

6. Subprogramme 3, table 22.11, Objective 1

(1) Expected accomplishments

Replace subparagraphs (a), (b) and (c) with "(a) Provision of advisory services and technical and financial assistance, at the request of the State concerned and, where appropriate, the regional human rights organizations, with a view to supporting actions and programmes in the field of human rights. (b) Enhanced awareness, knowledge and understanding of all human rights, including the right to development."

(2) Measurements of achievement

Replace subparagraphs (a)(i) and (ii) with "(a)

(i) The number of seminars, workshops and training courses held or supported by the Office of the High Commissioner; and the number of persons trained, participants in seminars and workshops and fellowships granted as well as data on their geographical distribution and the extent to which they contributed to the fulfilment of the objectives of the subprogramme.

(ii) The number of requests from Member States and, where appropriate, from the regional human rights organizations received and fulfilled by the Office of the High Commissioner for the provision of advisory services and technical and financial assistance, with a view to supporting actions and programmes in the field of human rights,

(iii) The timeliness, significance and relevance of the advisory services and technical cooperation,"

Replace subparagraphs (b)(i), (ii) and (iii) with "(b) The number of actions and programmes that have been taken or formulated to further enhance the promotion and protection of human rights at national, regional or international levels."

Replace subparagraphs (c)(i), (ii) and (iii) with "(c) The number of seminars, workshops and training courses held or supported by the Office of the High Commissioner; and the number of persons trained, participants in seminars and workshops and fellowships granted as well as data on their geographical distribution and the extent to which they contributed to the fulfilment of the objectives of the subprogramme."

7. Subprogramme 3, Table 22.11, Objective 2

(1) Expected accomplishments

Replace the words "Prompt and effective action by the human rights special mechanisms of the policy-making bodies and by the human rights field presence's in response to immediate threats of human rights violations or human rights violations." with the words "Fulfilment of the mandates given to the Office of the High Commissioner in resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Commission on Human Rights to support human rights monitoring mechanisms, such as special rapporteurs and representatives and expert and working groups mandated by policy-making bodies."

(2) Measurements of achievement

Replace subparagraphs (i) and (ii) with the following: "The number of actions and measures taken by human rights monitoring mechanisms, such as special rapporteurs and representatives and expert and working groups mandated by policy-making bodies."

8. Subprogramme 3, Table 22.11, Objective 3

(1) Add the words "With respect to field activities," before the words "To ensure the efficiency of field missions and presences".

(2) Expected accomplishments

Replace the words "Improved substantive, managerial and methodological support to OHCHR field presences" with the words "Improved efficiency of field missions and presences through the maintenance of contacts with Governments, appropriate sectors of the United Nations system, international and regional organizations and others."

(3) Measurements of achievement

Replace subparagraphs (i) and (ii) with the following: "The number of training programmes and materials for human rights field staff developed as well as training in human rights for the appropriate components of other United Nations field operations conducted for ensuring the efficiency of field missions and presences."

9. Subprogramme 3, External factors

Paragraph 22.43

Delete (b).

Add "(b) The number of grants provided to the relevant Funds in the field of human rights which can be utilized for advisory services and technical and financial assistance."

Section 23
Protection of and assistance to refugees

Paragraph 23.2

After the first sentence, insert the following sentence, based on the last sentence of paragraph 21.1 of the medium-term plan for 2002-2005: "The pursuit of permanent solutions to the problems of refugees is at the heart of protection and the principal purpose of this section."

Paragraph 23.3

Under item (e), replace the phrase "in these activities, due consideration will be given to the interests both of Member States and of the United Nations" with the following text from the end of paragraph 21.5 (f) of the medium-term plan for 2002-2005: "in this regard, due consideration should be given to the obligation of United Nations officials, in the conduct of their duties, to observe fully both the laws and regulations of Member States and their duties and responsibilities to the Organization."

Table 23.4

At the end of indicator of achievement (e), add the following phrase, based on paragraph 21.17 (d) of the medium-term plan: "; the number of refugees repatriated and resettled."

Paragraph 23.11

Delete the words "(a) UNHCR staff are trained as to the need for, and most effective design of, programme initiatives;" and re-letter the remaining sub-items accordingly.

Paragraph 23.14

Sub-item (c) should read: "(c) a sufficient level of extrabudgetary funding is raised to allow for funding of planned capacity-building projects."

Section 24
Palestine refugees

Paragraph 24.14 (b)

Insert the word "some" between "by" and "host" in the first line.

Section 25
Humanitarian assistance

Table 25.6

Delete (b) under Expected accomplishments.

Delete (b) under Indicators of achievements.

Delete (c) under Expected accomplishments.

Delete (c) under Indicators of achievements.

Delete "Increased attention to and respect for an active and visible policy of" in (d) under Expected accomplishments.

Paragraph 25.18

Paragraph (b) (iii) replace the words "human rights and international humanitarian law" with "international humanitarian law and human rights instruments".

Paragraph (b) (vi) should read "Paper requested by the Security Council on protection for humanitarian assistance to refugees and others in conflict situations (1)".

Paragraph (b) (vii) should read: "Study on the application of the guiding principles of humanitarian assistance to all populations in need, as contained in the annex to General Assembly resolution 46/182".

At the end of paragraph (b) (viii), add the words "in strict conformity with the principles of humanity, neutrality and impartiality and to ensure that they are not working at cross-purposes".

Paragraph (c) (iv) should read "Production of inter-agency training package on enhancing the provision of humanitarian assistance to all populations in need".

Add a new paragraph after (c) (iv), "(v) Collaboration with other agencies to support and to promote the efforts of Governments of affected countries upon their request to assist and to protect internally displaced persons".

Delete paragraph (c) (vi) and renumber the subsequent paragraphs accordingly.

Paragraph 25.27

Add the words "where appropriate" after the word "Framework".

Table 25.10

Expected accomplishment (a) should read "increased capacity of developing countries for preparedness in disaster prevention and mitigation".

Indicator of achievement (a) should read "increase in the number of developing countries having the technical capacity to deal with disaster prevention and mitigation".

Add a new expected accomplishment (b), which should read "increased participation by developing countries in disaster reduction-related training and seminars".

Add a new indicator of achievement (b), which should read "the number of experts from developing countries participating in training seminars on disaster prevention".

Renumber the existing expected accomplishment and indicators of achievement from (b) to (c).

Delete expected accomplishment (d), and renumber the existing indicators of achievement from (d) to (e).

Renumber the existing expected accomplishment and indicators of achievement from (c) to (d).

Add a new expected accomplishment:

"(e) a better and more effective coordination in the mobilization of international support to contribute in the preventive management and rehabilitation related to natural disasters".

Paragraph 25.30 (c) (i)

Add a new item "n. Update inventory of the resources available to help deal with natural disasters".

Table 25.12

Delete (a) under expected accomplishments.

Delete (a) under indicators of achievement.

Renumber expected accomplishment and indicators of achievement from (b) to (a) and from (c) to (b).

Add new (c) expected accomplishment as follows:

"Increased capacity of developing countries to deal with disaster relief."

Add new (c) indicator of achievement as follows:

"Increased participation in training seminars on disaster management, improved field and regional cooperation in disaster management and increased donor response to inter-agency appeals"

Under expected accomplishments (b) and (d), after the words "environmental disasters", add the words, "as well as technological accidents"

Table 25.14

Under expected accomplishment (b), after the words "United Nations", delete the remainder of the paragraph.

Section 27C
Office of Human Resources Management

(a) Paragraph 27C.1

At the end of the last sentence add the following text:

", as well as meet the expectations of Member States as set forth in General Assembly resolution 55/258 of 14 June 2001."

(b) After paragraph 27C.4

Add new paragraph 27C.4 bis:

"At its fifty-fifth session, the General Assembly considered the report of the Secretary-General and adopted resolution 55/258. In implementing all the activities under this subprogramme, the Office of Human Resources Management will take fully into account the provisions of resolution 55/258."

(c) Paragraph 27C.5

(i) In the first line, for "resolution 53/221" read "resolution 55/258"

(ii) In the fourth line, insert the word "robust" before the word "monitoring"

(d) Paragraph 27C.6 (a)

For "monitoring" read "robust monitoring mechanisms"

(e) Paragraph 27C.12

Replace the second sentence with the following text:

"In accordance with the decisions of the General Assembly contained in its resolution 55/258, the Division will concentrate on the implementation of human resources management reform in the areas of its expertise and will work on improving and enhancing its control and monitoring mechanisms and procedures."

(f) Paragraph 27C.16

At the beginning of the paragraph insert the following text:

"In line with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 55/258 and"

(g) Paragraph 27C.20

At the beginning of the paragraph insert the following text:

"In line with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 55/258,"

(h) Paragraph 27C.21

At the beginning of the paragraph insert the following text:

"In accordance with the decisions of the General Assembly, including resolution 55/258,"

(i) Paragraph 27C.26

At the beginning of the paragraph insert the following text:

"In line with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 55/258,"

Section 28
Internal oversight

Table 28.6

Under objective 1, replace indicator of achievement (b) with the following: "The number of joint meetings, agreements and assignments with external oversight bodies".

Table 28.8

Merge the indicators of achievement (b) (i) and (b) (ii) to read "(b) Clear delegation of authority and the existence and effective use of mechanisms to ensure accountability at all levels of the Organization".

Replace the indicator of achievement (d) with the following "The number of joint meetings, agreements and assignments with external oversight bodies".

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Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001

A
Final budget appropriations for the biennium 2000-2001

The General Assembly

1. *Takes note* of the second performance report of the Secretary-General on the programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

2. *Requests* the Secretary General to keep Member States informed of regular budget expenditures on a quarterly basis;

3. *Decides*, in the light of the critical financial situation of the United Nations International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women, to retain in the programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001, 650,000 dollars of the original 800,000 dollar provision made pursuant to General Assembly resolution 55/219, and requests the Secretary-General to disburse the provision in December 2001 as a subvention to be credited to the Trust Fund for the Institute, so as to ensure the continuation of its operations in 2002;

4. *Resolves* that, for the biennium 2000-2001, the amount of 2,533,125,400 United States dollars appropriated under its resolution 55/239 A of 23 December 2000 shall be augmented by a commitment authority of 28,452,600 dollars, as follows:

[1] A/56/674.
[2] A/56/694.

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Section		Amount approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/239 A	Provisional increase/ decrease	Revised appropriation and commitment authority
		(United States dollars)		
PART I.	Overall policy-making, direction and coordination			
1	Overall policy-making, direction and coordination	48 013 100	(2 543 300)	45 469 800
2	General Assembly affairs and conference services	409 024 100	36 844 600	445 868 700
	Total, part I	457 037 200	34 301 300	491 338 500
PART II.	Political affairs			
3	Political affairs	167 844 700	(6 095 700)	161 749 000
4	Disarmament	13 820 900	345 000	14 165 900
5	Peacekeeping operations	74 884 000	(4 067 600)	70 816 400
6	Peaceful uses of outer space	3 313 500	136 400	3 449 900
	Total, part II	259 863 100	(9 681 900)	250 181 200
PART III.	International justice and law			
7	International Court of Justice	20 606 700	1 642 000	22 248 700
8	Legal affairs	33 880 600	(343 200)	33 537 400
	Total, part III	54 487 300	1 298 800	55 786 100
PART IV.	International cooperation for development			
9	Economic and Social affairs	112 431 800	1 718 600	114 150 400
10	Africa: New Agenda for Development	5 859 800	(641 200)	5 218 600
11A	Trade and development	81 373 600	1 126 200	82 499 800
11B	International Trade Centre UNCTAD/WTO	17 009 800	247 000	17 256 800
12	Environment	8 100 900	495 900	8 596 800
13	Human settlements	12 297 300	2 607 900	14 905 200
14	Crime prevention and criminal justice	4 821 300	3 900	4 825 200
15	International drug control	13 718 200	309 500	14 027 700
	Total, part IV	255 612 700	5 867 800	261 480 500
PART V.	Regional cooperation for development			
16	Economic and social development in Africa	80 645 000	(9 163 500)	71 481 500
17	Economic and social development in Asia and the Pacific	54 411 200	(511 300)	53 899 900
18	Economic development in Europe	37 414 600	1 748 500	39 163 100
19	Economic and social development in Latin America and the Caribbean	75 584 100	1 287 900	76 872 000
20	Economic and social development in Western Asia	48 581 400	(2 883 200)	45 698 200
21	Regular programme of technical cooperation	41 254 800	(44 400)	41 210 400
	Total, part V	337 891 100	(9 566 000)	328 325 100
PART VI.	Human rights and humanitarian affairs			
22	Human rights	39 067 700	(102 400)	38 965 300
23	Protection of and assistance to refugees	38 838 900	1 546 400	40 385 300
24	Palestine refugees	23 175 400	1 139 300	24 314 700
25	Humanitarian assistance	18 447 900	(53 800)	18 394 100
	Total, part VI	119 529 900	2 529 500	122 059 400

Section		Amount approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/239 A	Provisional increase/ decrease	Revised appropriation and commitment authority
		(United States dollars)		
PART VII.	Public information			
26	Public information	142 534 500	(1 252 400)	141 282 100
	Total, part VII	142 534 500	(1 252 400)	141 282 100
PART VIII.	Common support services			
27	Management and central support services	433 569 100	4 391 900	437 961 000
	A. Office of the Under-Secretary-General for Management	11 380 200	(6 100)	11 374 100
	B. Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Accounts	22 209 800	552 700	22 762 500
	C. Office of Human Resources Management	47 977 900	1 188 700	49 166 600
	D. Office of Central Support Services	229 817 700	903 800	230 721 500
	E. Administration, Geneva	84 412 400	485 300	84 897 700
	F. Administration, Vienna	23 553 500	298 400	23 851 900
	G. Administration, Nairobi	14 217 600	969 100	15 186 700
	Total, part VIII	433 569 100	4 391 900	437 961 000
PART IX.	Internal oversight			
28	Internal oversight	18 750 700	(493 900)	18 256 800
	Total, part IX	18 750 700	(493 900)	18 256 800
PART X.	Jointly financed administrative activities and special expenses			
29	Jointly financed administrative activities	8 020 500	(415 400)	7 605 100
30	Special expenses	54 511 700	(1 135 500)	53 376 200
	Total, part X	62 532 200	(1 550 900)	60 981 300
PART XI.	Capital expenditures			
31	Construction, alteration, improvement and major maintenance	49 767 300	(365 700)	49 401 600
	Total, part XI	49 767 300	(365 700)	49 401 600
PART XII.	Staff assessment			
32	Staff assessment	328 485 300	2 974 100	331 459 400
	Total, part XII	328 486 300	2 974 100	331 459 400
PART XIII.	Development Account			
33	Development Account	13 065 000	0	13 065 000
	Total, part XIII	13 065 000	0	13 065 000
	Grand total	2 533 125 400	28 452 600	2 561 578 000

5. *Notes* the request of the Secretary-General that the revised appropriation be increased by 28,452,600 dollars and decides, keeping in mind the need for precision in determining the required final level of appropriations and assessments, that it will revert to consideration of the final appropriation at its resumed session in March 2002;

6. *Resolves* that:

(a) The Secretary-General shall be authorized to transfer credits between sections of the budget, with the concurrence of the Advisory Committee;

(b) In addition to the commitment authority approved under paragraph 4 above, an amount of 250,000 dollars is appropriated for each year of the biennium 2000-2001 from the accumulated income of the Library Endowment Fund for the purchase of books, periodicals, maps and library equipment and for such other expenses of the Library at the Palais des Nations as are in accordance with the objects and provisions of the endowment.

B

Final income estimates for the biennium 2000-2001

The General Assembly

Resolves that for the biennium 2000-2001:

(a) The estimates of income of 380,822,700 United States dollars approved under its resolution 55/239 B of 23 December 2000 shall provisionally be decreased by 1,149,200 dollars, as follows:

Income sections	Amount approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 55/239 B	Provisional increase/ decrease	Provisional income estimate
	(United States dollars)		
1. Income from staff assessment	333 125 200	1 903 900	335 029 100
Total, income section 1	**333 125 200**	**1 903 900**	**335 029 100**
2. General income	42 728 600	997 100	43 725 700
3. Services to the public	4 968 900	(4 050 200)	918 700
Total, income sections 2 and 3	**47 697 500**	**(3 053 100)**	**44 644 400**
Grand total	**380 822 700**	**(1 149 200)**	**379 673 500**

(b) The income from staff assessment shall be credited to the Tax Equalization Fund in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955;

(c) Direct expenses of the United Nations Postal Administration, services to visitors, catering and related services, garage operations, television services and the sale of publications, not provided for under the budget appropriations, shall be charged against the income derived from those activities.

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Inter-organizational security measures: implementation of section II of General Assembly resolution 55/238 of 23 December 2000 entitled "Safety and security of the United Nations personnel"

The General Assembly,

Recalling section II of its resolution 55/238 of 23 December 2000,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on inter-organizational security measures: implementation of section II of General Assembly resolution 55/238 of 23 December 2000 entitled "Safety and security of United Nations personnel"[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

1. *Endorses* the recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[2] subject to the provisions set forth in the present section;

2. *Welcomes* the agreed inter-agency cost-sharing arrangement, and requests that the apportionment of expenses be updated in 2003;

3. *Notes with concern* the lack of an accountability and responsibility mechanism in the area of field security, and requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly, at its fifty-seventh session, a comprehensive report on the establishment of a clear mechanism of accountability and responsibility, including provisions, inter alia, in respect of its scope, depth, common standards and methods of their enforcement, in an inter-agency structure;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to conduct an evaluation of the United Nations security system, including the new security arrangements and the

[1] A/56/469 and Corr.1 and 2.
[2] A/56/619.

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relationship and interaction between the Department of Peacekeeping Operations of the Secretariat and the Office of the United Nations Security Coordinator, and to report his findings and recommendations to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session.

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Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects

Programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001

Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects

The General Assembly,

Having considered the statements submitted by the Secretary-General on the comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Taking account of the report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations on the comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects,[3]

Recalling its resolutions 45/258 of 3 May 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 48/226 A of 23 December 1993, 48/226 B of 5 April 1994, 48/226 C of 29 July 1994, 49/250 of 20 July 1995, 50/11 of 2 November 1995, 50/221 A of 11 April 1996, 50/221 B of 7 June 1996, 51/226 of 3 April 1997, 51/239 A of 17 June 1997, 51/239 B and 51/243 of 15 September 1997, 52/220 of 22 December 1997, 52/234 and 52/248 of 26 June 1998, 53/12 A of 26 October 1998, 53/208 B of 18 December 1998, 53/12 B of 8 June 1999, 54/243 A of 23 December 1999, 54/243 B of 15 June 2000, 55/238 of 23 December 2000 and 55/271 of 14 June 2001 and its decisions

[1] A/C.5/55/46 and Corr.1 and Add.1
[2] A/56/478
[3] A/55/1024 and Corr.1

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48/489 of 8 July 1994, 49/469 of 23 December 1994 and 50/473 of 23 December 1995,

Noting with appreciation the comments and observations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions[4] in paragraph 6 on the Panel on United Nations Peace Operations and the determination of the resources, and paragraph 26 on the role and responsibilities of the Head of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and his senior staff in the area of management,

1. *Attaches* great importance to the provision of adequate resources for peacekeeping operations and their backstopping as well as for all priority activities of the Organization, in particular activities in the area of development, and underlines the need for genuine and meaningful partnership between the Security Council, the troop-contributing Governments and other Member States and the Secretariat;

2. *Reaffirms* that the expenses of the Organization, including the backstopping of peacekeeping operations, shall be borne by Member States;

3. *Requests* the Secretary-General, when making first-time use of the results-based budgeting technique in the presentation of the support account budget estimates for the period from 1 July 2002 to 30 June 2003, to undertake a complete rethinking of how post and non-post resources for the support account are justified and presented and in this regard, to take full account of paragraphs 9 and 10 of the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

4. *Reaffirms* the decision in paragraph 2 of its resolution 49/250 of 20 July 1995 that the support account funds shall be used for the sole purpose of financing human and non-human resource requirements for backstopping and supporting peacekeeping operations at Headquarters, and that any changes to this limitation will require the prior approval of the General Assembly;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to review the issue of capacity in the Peacekeeping Best Practices Unit for policy support in peacekeeping operations in the area of demobilization, disarmament and reintegration, taking into account the views of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

6. *Stresses* that the creation of small units in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations to fulfil various functions that duplicate the responsibility of other departments must be avoided, and shares the caution expressed by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions that an increase in the number of organizational units in the Department does not necessarily facilitate coordination or enhance administrative and management capacity;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prevent duplication of work between the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Department of Political Affairs and to further clarify the relationships and interactions between the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and other offices in the Department of Management, especially those dealing with personnel, financial administration and control management of procurement activities and monitoring of delegated authority;

[4] A/56/478.

8. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report in the context of the annual support account budget estimates on action taken by the Department of Peacekeeping Operations to develop and implement a comprehensive information technology systems strategy that integrates field missions with the Secretariat's overall information and communication technology strategy;

9. *Expresses concern* about the effect of scattering the units of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations in a number of different physical locations on its operational effectiveness and requests the Secretary-General to investigate and report on ways and means of achieving co-location of such units;

10. *Also expresses concern* over the delay in the recruitment and staffing of the 93 support account posts approved in December 2000 on an urgent basis;

11. *Reaffirms* paragraph 6 of its resolution 55/238, section I, in which the General Assembly agrees with paragraph 36 of the report of the Special Committee relating to proper representation of troop-contributing countries in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations of the Secretariat;

12. *Expresses concern* over the imbalance in the geographical representation of Member States in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and urges the Secretary-General to take immediate measures to improve the representation of underrepresented and unrepresented Member States in future recruitment;

13. *Also expresses* concern over the lack of compliance by the Department of Peacekeeping Operations with the rules, regulations and procedures pertaining to human resources management and, in this regard, reaffirms the role of the Office of Human Resources Management of the Secretariat as set out in General Assembly resolutions 53/221 and 55/258, in particular the General Assembly decision that the Office of Human Resources Management should remain the central authority for the monitoring and approval of the recruitment and placement of staff and for the interpretation of the regulations and rules of the Organization and their enforcement;

14. *Welcomes* the emphasis on training, planning and establishment of rosters, which would provide the capacity to manage and monitor personnel actions in the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and the Office of Human Resources Management, and encourages the utilization of information technology in reducing the current recruitment period below 180 days;

15. *Regrets* the inordinate delay in the certification of write-off claims from some liquidated peacekeeping operations, and requests the Secretary-General to finalize the certification of those claims by 30 June 2002 and to submit a progress report on this issue to the General Assembly at its resumed fifty-sixth session;

16. *Urges* the Secretary-General to give priority to the reimbursement of claims from liquidated missions, including maintaining adequate reserves to settle claims once certified;

17. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, subject to the provisions of the present resolution and decides not to establish at this time the D-2 post of Director of Change Management mentioned in paragraph 28 of the report of the Advisory Committee and to keep it under review for consideration at the second part of its resumed fifty-sixth session, and in the light of the development of a

coherent policy, to review the P-5 post for gender issues at the second part of its resumed fifty-sixth session;

18. *Requests* the Secretary-General to entrust the Office of Internal Oversight Services with the task of conducting an evaluation of the impact of the recent restructuring of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations on its backstopping of peacekeeping operations performance, and the impact on efficient and effective use of the resources of the Department and to report to the General Assembly at its resumed fifty-eighth session;

19. *Decides* to appropriate an additional amount of 1,575,500 United States dollars under the following sections of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003: 376,400 dollars under section 3, Political affairs, 888,800 dollars under section 22, Human rights, 127,900 dollars under section 27, Management and central support services, 182,000 dollars under section 32, Staff assessment, to be offset by a corresponding amount (182,000) under income section 1, Income from staff assessment, of the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003;

20. *Approves* an additional 121 support account-funded posts, and their related post and non-post requirements in the amount of 16,103,750 dollars gross (14,889,500 dollars net) for the period from 1 July 2001 to 30 June 2002;

21. *Requests* the Secretary-General to conduct, through the Office of Internal Oversight Services, an audit of the policies and procedures of the Organization for recruiting staff for the Department of Peacekeeping Operations and to report thereon to the General Assembly for its consideration at its resumed fifty-sixth session.

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Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003

Draft decisions submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations

A

The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects: programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.47

The Fifth Committee, having considered the statement of programme budget implications submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/56/13) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/56/644), decides to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/C.1/56/L.47, a provision of $499,900 would be required for the biennium 2002-2003, as follows: section 4, Disarmament, $456,100; and section 32, Staff assessment, $43,800, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment. Under the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and 42/211 of 21 December 1987, these provisions would represent a charge against the contingency fund. It will be understood that additional requirements as may be required in respect of office accommodation under section 27D, Office of Central Support Services, would be considered by the General Assembly in the context of the first performance report for the biennium 2002-2003.

B

Preparation for the Second World Assembly on Ageing: programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.6/Rev.1, as orally revised

The Fifth Committee, having considered the statement of programme budget implications submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/56/15), decides to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.6/Rev.1, as orally revised, the additional appropriation as may be required under section 26, Public information, would be considered by the General Assembly in the context of the first budget performance report for the biennium 2002-2003.

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C

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.26

The Fifth Committee, having considered the statement of programme budget implications submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/56/16): (a) decides to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.26, expenditures not exceeding $252,900 would arise under section 9, Economic and social affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, and that additional appropriations would be considered by the General Assembly in accordance with the procedures set out in resolutions 41/213 and 42/211 for the use and operation of the Contingency Fund; (b) also decides to inform the General Assembly that the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women should consider reforming its methods of work, including its reporting procedures, in order to prevent future backlogs, and provide guidelines concerning the length of reports from States parties. The Committee and the States parties should consider adopting reporting guidelines that could limit the length of the reports of States parties reports and streamline their structure and content; and (c) further decides to inform the General Assembly that, if additional meeting time proves necessary in the future, the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women should consider the option of extending sessions, rather than holding additional sessions, as this would introduce economies; and to hold its meetings in the most cost-efficient manner.

D

Special session of the General Assembly on children: programme budget implications of draft resolution A/56/L.7

The Fifth Committee, having considered the statement of programme budget implications submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/56/18), decides to inform the General Assembly that should it adopt draft resolution A/56/L.7, an additional appropriation of $539,400 would be required in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, as follows: section 1, Overall policy-making, $156,200; section 26, Public information, $147,000; and section 27D, Office of Central Support Services, $236,200. Under the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211, these provisions would represent a charge against the contingency fund.

E

Development of an international radio broadcasting capacity for the United Nations: programme budget implications of draft resolution B contained in document A/56/21/Add.1

The Fifth Committee, having considered the statement of programme budget implications submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/56/20 and Corr.1), decides: (a) to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution B contained in document A/56/21/Add.1, an additional appropriation of $2,680,000 would be required in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, as follows: section 26, Public information, $2,372,000; and section 32, Staff assessment, $308,000, to be offset by an equivalent amount under income section 1, Income from staff assessment. Under the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211, these provisions would represent a charge against

the contingency fund, and (b) to request the Secretary-General to explore opportunities for cooperation and cost-sharing of production cost with specialized agencies and funds and programmes in the United Nations system, and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-seventh session.

F

Use of mercenaries as a means of violating human rights and impeding the exercise of the right of peoples to self-determination: programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.31

The Fifth Committee, having considered the statement of programme budget implications submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/56/21), decides to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.31, expenditure not exceeding $64,100 would arise under section 22, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003. Under the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211, these provisions would represent a charge against the contingency fund.

G

Subregional Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Central Africa: programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.69/Rev.1

The Fifth Committee, having considered the statement of programme budget implications submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/56/22), decides to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.69/Rev.1, expenditure would arise not exceeding $1 million under section 22, Human rights, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003. Under the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211, these provisions would represent a charge against the contingency fund.

H

Office of the President of the Economic and Social Council: programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.6

The Fifth Committee, having considered the statement of programme budget implications submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/56/23), decides to recommend to the General Assembly that the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.6 would not require any additional appropriation in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, as arrangements for the President of the Economic and Social Council would be modelled on those applicable for the President of the Security Council.

I

Situation of human rights in Myanmar: programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.55

The Fifth Committee, having considered the statement of programme budget implications submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/56/24), decides to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/C.3/56/L.55, an amount of $277,900 would be charged against the provision for special political missions under section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

J

United Nations Verification Mission in Guatemala: programme budget implications of draft resolution A/56/L.42

The Fifth Committee, having considered the statement of programme budget implications submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/56/26) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/56/705), decides to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/56/L.42, an amount of $14,755,100 would be charged against the provision for special political missions, under section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

K

The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development: programme budget implications of draft resolution A/56/L.45

The Fifth Committee, having considered the statement of programme budget implications submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/56/27) and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/56/709), decides to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/56/L.45, an amount of $188,500 would be charged against the provision for special political missions, under section 3, Political affairs, of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003.

L

Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries: programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.78

The Fifth Committee, having considered the reports of the Secretary-General (A/C.5/56/29) and of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (A/56/716), endorses the recommendations of the Advisory Committee and, in this regard, informs the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.78, net appropriations up to $1,220,700 for the biennium 2002-2003 would be required, subject to the procedures for the use and operations of the contingency fund.

M

World Summit on Sustainable Development: programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.71

The Fifth Committee, having considered the statement of programme budget implications submitted by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/56/28), decides to inform the General Assembly that, should it adopt draft resolution A/C.2/56/L.71, an additional appropriation of $352,500 would be required in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003 under section 26, Public information. Under the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211, these provisions would represent a charge against the contingency fund.

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Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

Draft decision submitted by the Chairman

Biennial programme of work of the Fifth Committee for 2002-2003

The General Assembly, in accordance with paragraph 6 of its resolution 46/220 of 20 December 1991, approves the biennial programme of work of the Fifth Committee for 2002-2003, annexed to the present decision.

Annex

Biennial programme of work of the Fifth Committee for 2002-2003

A
Programme of work for 2002

1. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors
2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations
3. Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003
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6. Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency
7. Pattern of conferences
8. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations
9. Human resources management

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10. Joint Inspection Unit

11. United Nations common system

12. United Nations pension system

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14. Administration of justice at the United Nations

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17. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

18. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

19. Report of the Economic and Social Council

20. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments

B

Programme of work for 2003

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2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations

3. Programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003

4. Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005

5. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations

6. Joint Inspection Unit

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